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### **OCC Veterans' Organization Celebrates Opening of New Resource Center**

The Oakland Community College Student Veterans' of America organization (OCCSVA) will hold a grand opening celebration of its new Resource Center at OCC's Auburn Hills Campus, Friday April 13 from 1 to 4 pm.

The event is scheduled at the campus' Student Center, Room G240. The Resource Center itself is located in the Student Center's Room G103.

"This is a large conference room stocked with literature on resources for veterans and is available for workshops and meetings. All vets are welcome" said OCCSVA president Kate Logan, who served 18 months in Iraq with the U.S. Army.

Both veterans attending OCC and from throughout the community are invited to attend the grand opening, which is free and open to the public.

Guest speaker is retired Major General Robert W. Smith, director of the State of Michigan Veterans' Services Division. General Smith will speak about how his organization helps vets become more employment- and school-ready, and eases their reintegration into civilian society.

"I thank OCC for establishing a center like this that is vet-friendly, helps them succeed, enables them to bond, and makes their educational experience even more positive" General Smith said.

Representatives of other veterans' organizations will be on hand to provide information on additional resources.

Co-advisors for OCCSVA are Auburn Hills Campus Counselor Patricia Shipp May and Homeland Security Program faculty member Ken Sparrentak.

To learn more about the Grand Opening and OCCSVA email [occ.studentveterans@gmail.com](mailto:occ.studentveterans@gmail.com).

The Auburn Hills Campus is located at 2900 Featherstone Road, one mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome. Free parking is available in nearby campus lots.

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